

Dewan's reply.—The right to trees on bunds should go to Government with the bunds themselves. But privilege to take Hongē leaves from such trees can be conceded on the same terms as in the case of Honge trees on other Government land as to which, *vide* reply already given (Subject No. 152 *supra*.) The right to trees in private topes is not disturbed but vests in the owners, if any be forthcoming, of those Topes.

Subject No. 166.
Railway required
from Kolar Road to
Madanapalli.

Summary of discussion.—A railway is required from Kolar Road to Madanapalli in Her Majesty's Territory. Thereby Gold Mining tracts will be opened out and trade developed.

Dewan's reply.—It is impossible at present to entertain so large a scheme, but whatever is possible is being done for the Kolar District in the way of Railway extension.

Subject No. 167.
Reconstitution of Sri-
nivaspur Sub-Taluk
into a Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Srinivaspur Sub-Taluk should be constituted into a Taluk. The range is too unwieldy for management by a Deputy Amildar: some portions of it being at a distance of more than 30 miles from the Taluk Treasury, much inconvenience is felt by the Shanbhogs and Patels in remitting revenue collections. The Revenue of the Sub-Taluk is almost equal to that of a small Taluk.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner supports the proposal. It will be examined carefully.

Subject No. 168.
Reduction of ex-
cessive Hulbanni
rent in Sidlaghatta
Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Hulbanni, which used formerly to be given out on small rents ranging from eight annas to Rs. 2 has, during the past three years, been valued at such high sums as Rs. 20 and 30 even for small villages. The extent of gomal is limited and a portion of it has been utilized for plantations. Under these circumstances, the raiyats pray that the Hulbanni rent may be reduced.

Dewan's reply.—The representation will be sent to the Deputy Commissioner for enquiry and report as to whether there has been adopted in the Sidlaghatta Taluk a system so different as alleged from other Taluks, and whether average previous collections have been ignored in that Taluk as alleged.

Subject No. 169.
Revival of Batayi
system.

Summary of discussion.—The old Batayi system should be revived as it is beneficial to all concerned.

Dewan's reply.—Impossible.

Subject No. 170.
Restoration of
ruined Kodagi tanks.

Summary of discussion.—Many of the tanks formerly held on Kodagi tenure are now in a dilapidated condition for want of repairs. The raiyats pray that these tanks may be put in order, the measure being beneficial to themselves and to the Government.